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**Committee Bill No. 6249**

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Referred to Committee on Government Administration and  
Elections

Introduced by:  
(GAE)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE INTELLIGENCE  
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) There is created a  
2       Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee which shall be a  
3       permanent standing committee of the General Assembly, consisting of  
4       twelve members as follows: The chairpersons and ranking members of  
5       the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
6       cognizance of matters relating to public safety, judiciary and  
7       government administration. Members shall serve for a term of two  
8       years from the beginning of each regular session of the General  
9       Assembly in the odd-numbered year. The terms of all members  
10      appointed to the committee shall end with the termination of each  
11      member's term or holding of office, whichever occurs first. Vacancies  
12      shall be filled by any person who succeeds any such chairperson or  
13      ranking member. The committee shall select cochairpersons and such  
14      other officers as it may deem necessary from among its membership. A  
15      majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum and all actions

16 of the committee shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the  
17 full committee membership.

18 (b) The Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee shall meet as  
19 often as may be necessary, during legislative sessions and the periods  
20 between sessions, to perform its duties and functions.

21 (c) The Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee shall: (1) Direct  
22 its staff and other legislative staff available to the committee to conduct  
23 reviews of any documents or procedures of the Department of  
24 Emergency Management and Homeland Security, including, but not  
25 limited to, any coordination between such department and federal  
26 agencies, that are exempt from disclosure pursuant to chapter 15 of the  
27 general statutes, in order to assist the General Assembly in the proper  
28 discharge of its duties; (2) establish policies and procedures regarding  
29 the printing, reproduction and distribution of any report produced by  
30 such committee; (3) review staff reports submitted to the committee  
31 and, when necessary, confer with representatives of the Department of  
32 Emergency Management and Homeland Security in order to obtain  
33 full and complete information in regard to programs, other activities  
34 and operations of such department, and may request and shall be  
35 given access to and copies of, by all public officers, departments,  
36 agencies and authorities of the state and its political subdivisions, such  
37 public records, data and other information and given such assistance  
38 as the committee determines it needs to fulfill its duties. Any statutory  
39 requirements of confidentiality regarding such records, data and other  
40 information, including penalties for violating such requirements, shall  
41 apply to the committee, its staff and its other authorized  
42 representatives in the same manner and to the same extent as such  
43 requirements and penalties apply to any public officer, department,  
44 agency or authority of the state or its political subdivisions. The  
45 committee shall act on staff reports and recommend in a report under  
46 subsection (f) of this section, or propose, in the form of a raised bill,  
47 such legislation as may be necessary to modify current operations and  
48 practices of the Department of Emergency Management and

49 Homeland Security; (4) consider and act on requests by legislators,  
50 legislative committees, elected officials of state government and state  
51 department and agency heads for reviews of such documents and  
52 procedures of the department. Any such request shall be submitted, in  
53 writing, to the Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee and shall  
54 state reasons to support the request. The decision of the committee to  
55 grant or deny such a request shall be final; (5) conduct investigations  
56 requested by joint resolution of the General Assembly, or, when the  
57 General Assembly is not in session, (A) (i) requested by a joint  
58 standing committee of the General Assembly or initiated by a majority  
59 vote of the Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee, and (ii)  
60 approved by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management, or (B)  
61 requested by the Joint Committee on Legislative Management. In the  
62 event two or more investigations are requested or initiated, the order  
63 of priority shall be determined by the Legislative Intelligence  
64 Oversight Committee; (6) retain, within available appropriations, the  
65 services of consultants, technical assistants and research and other  
66 personnel necessary to assist in the conduct of such reviews and  
67 investigations; and (7) originate, and report to the General Assembly,  
68 any bill it deems necessary concerning a matter under review or  
69 investigation by the committee, in the same manner as is prescribed by  
70 rule for joint standing committees of the General Assembly.

71 (d) The identity of a public employee providing information to the  
72 committee shall not be disclosed. In the course of an investigation, all  
73 information, records of interviews, reports, statements, notes,  
74 memoranda or other data in the custody of or obtained or prepared by  
75 the Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee or its staff shall not  
76 be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 of the general statutes until  
77 the investigation is completed.

78 (e) The Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee shall report  
79 the results of each investigation together with its recommendations for  
80 any further action to the General Assembly.

81 (f) The Legislative Intelligence Oversight Committee shall report

82 annually to the General Assembly on or before February fifteenth and  
83 may, from time to time, make additional reports.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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***GAE***

***Joint Favorable C/R***

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